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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

A LITTLE BIT OF SPICE IN IT

SESSION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Some of the Colored Citizens Want Help and One Wanted to Dismiss His Grandmother—Chairman Helms Objected—Bridges and Roads—Jurors Drawn.

That Union county creeks suffered from the recent rains was amply proven by the flow of bills for bridge repairs that greeted the County Commissioners in the early part of their session yesterday. The bills ranged anywhere from \$7 to \$60. Other bridges need repairing, as was attested by the many persons who conferred with the Commissioners in regard to the proper procedure. Several dates were arranged for Chairman L. R. Helms to make personal inspection of needed work, and he will report to the board the result of his investigations.

There were also several applications for help, but as the poor fund is already overdrawn, the Commissioners deferred action in the majority of the cases, with the intention of making investigations and weeding out some that really do not need help. One old colored man, who was well-dressed, appeared before the board and solicited aid, but his appearance did not indicate that he was suffering. His name is Richard Hunneycutt, and he lives near Marshville. As the board was then not very busy, they quizzed the old gentleman concerning his condition, and the following conversation ensued:

Q. "What are you doing to earn a living?"
A. "Choppin' a little cotton."
Q. "Who are you living with?"
A. "My children."

Chairman Laney interrupted, and said: "Uncle, you are too well dressed to be soliciting aid from the county. If you expect to be successful in your suit, you should come before us in rags, limp a little, and have a coterie of prominent citizens to testify to your inability to make a living. Why you are better dressed than I am."

To this the old darkey replied: "Yes, sah, but dese is all de close I's got, and I has to make 'em last, case I don't know when I'se goin' to git anymore. Den I'se honest and I'ae don't want to make no false impress'n."

Esq. Laney then popped up and advised the old man to wait until cold weather set in, for the air was now balmy and the fruit crop this year was bountiful. The questioning proceeded:

Q. "Are you a preacher?"
A. "No, sah, I ain't."
Q. "Why don't you take that up?"
A. "Case boss, I don't like to take up a ting and not git away wit it."
Squire Laney: "Don't you want to go down to my place and stay with me? I'll give you a nice place to stay at night, feed you, and you can cut a little wood and do odd chores in return for this treatment."

To this proposition the old negro answered in the negative, stating that he wanted to spend his remaining days with his children.

But the old negro really couldn't show any signs of actual want, so nothing was done for him.

Petition for New Bridge.
Mr. H. W. Redwine appeared before the board and presented the following petition:

"To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:—We, the citizens of Sandy Ridge township, hereby petition the Honorable Commissioners to build a new bridge across little Twelve Mile creek at the Dr. Redwine place on the New Town road, as the old one has been standing 14 or 15 years and is now very unsafe, as the posts, sills and sleepers are all rotten. Signed—C. E. Parker, Sam Redwine, J. M. Clark, W. D. Clark, L. L. Parker, Allen Redwine, S. K. Boatwright, Rob Redwine, Joe Hunneycutt, Grady H. Cull, J. L. Redwine, B. R. Clark, J. C. Hunneycutt, H. R. Hunneycutt, J. I. Clark, E. H. Morris, Will Plyler, J. L. Davis, A. M. Deese, M. R. Young, I. M. Deal, E. P. Mendenhall, N. R. Richardson, R. L. Helms, B. A. Alexander, F. R. Fincher, W. T. Fincher, H. M. Parker, J. P. McAtter, W. T. Harkey, V. S. Hunter, S. J. Pressley, M. E. Plyler and H. M. Redwine." At last accepted the bridge had not been authorized, but it is thought that the commissioners will do so.

Tax Assessment Too High.
Mr. R. D. Smith of Lanes Creek township, claimed that his tax assessment was too high, and plead to the Commissioners to grant relief. He stated that he had 240 acres of land, and that it was assessed at \$1600. He said that this was what he had paid for the land on credit, and that it was entirely too much, as nearly 100 acres of this tract was almost worthless, being hills and fit for nothing except pasture.

Mr. Luther Thomas is the assessor for Lanes Creek township, and action in Mr. Smith's case was deferred until the commissioners could consult with Mr. Thomas.

Helms Gets "Het Up."
Albert Thomas, colored, of Wingate, raised the ire of Chairman Helms when he made application for the admission of his grandmother to the County Home. He stated that he had to cook and wait on her, being that his wife was sick. Mr. Helms asked him if he would really let his grandmother go to the county home. "Yes, sah," was the ready and cold-blooded answer from Albert.

"Then, retaliated Mr. Helms, 'all that I have got to say, be you white or black, any able-bodied man that would allow his grandmother, or any

other near relative for that matter, go to the county home. I say that man ought to be put on the chain gang."

But this fierce display of rhetoric did not deter the persevering Albert, who was very insistent. Finally, the board got rid of him by referring him to County Physician S. A. Stevens.

Aaron Says He's "Well-known."
With a graceful sweep of his arms, Aaron Latiker, an old slave, blew into the room where the commissioners were holding session, and with a gusto, breathed his name, rounding it up with the words, "Well-known in Union county." When asked what was his mission, Aaron stated that he wanted help; that he has a wife and two young boys, and that he is unable to provide for them. Further questioning revealed the fact that he was a tenant of Mr. Rochel Blakebey's and that he was not in actual want. Aaron was slave of Joe Young, of Cabarrus county. Aaron was told to report later.

Pens Again.
Mrs. H. R. Laney, Sanitary Inspector for Monroe, petitioned the Commissioners to prohibit the keeping of hogs within a certain prescribed area outside of the city limits. She declared that complaints had been coming to her from residents near the outskirts of the town of the odor and flies created from hog pens that were not inside the city, and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the Aldermen. The city prohibits the keeping of hogs within the town limits, and Mrs. Laney desired this supplementary protection from the County Commissioners.

The board were of the opinion that they could not interfere in this matter, unless it were proven that the pens were a source of sickness. However, the matter was held pending.

Lee Puts in Word for Good Roads.
Mr. W. S. Lee, who appeared with several other gentlemen in the interest of a bridge on the Camden road, near Mr. T. E. Williams' home, condemned the present system of small bridges that are being constantly replaced by the same material causing a continuous expense and worry to the county. He recommended that steel culverts be used entirely, where permissible, claiming that it would then be a permanent job and would be cheaper in the long run.

While on the subject of bridges, Mr. Lee wandered off to the inevitable good road question. He declared that it was a shame for Union county to have such bad roads, when they had the best kind of material in the world laying right around their doors for the construction of good ones. Of course these remarks were not of an official kind as the Commissioners have no control over road building. Mr. Lee just opened his mind a little, and by the expression seen in the faces of several gentlemen in the room at that time, one could say that the majority agreed with Mr. Lee.

Jurors Drawn.
The following jurors were drawn for a two weeks' civil term of court:

First Week—A. B. Austin, M. L. Mullis, H. S. Harrington, T. D. Green, E. T. Brewer, W. H. Brasswell, B. Fairley Griffin, W. A. Cuthbertson, Jno Tarlton, J. M. Niven, J. W. Lathan, Green Whitley, M. E. Plyler, A. J. Fowler, J. Clayton Ashcraft, Thos. W. Perry, C. E. Parks, Jennings A. Secrest.

Second Week—R. L. Wier, B. G. Hinson, J. Preston Griffin, Wyatt Deese, J. Wesley Helms, R. N. Hargett, T. M. Mills, R. Larkin Belk, R. F. Faulk, P. V. Richardson, W. D. Hawfield, W. R. Benton, E. E. Brasswell, W. Brady Griffin, J. R. Bivens, Joel W. Griffin, P. B. Smith, J. Baker Staten.

News From Weddington.
Correspondence of The Journal.

Miss Bettie Delaney, who is principal of Hebron school, spent the week-end with home folks.

Misses Ora Lee and Sadie Porter of Mineral Springs spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lucy Price.

Mr. E. S. Delaney of Charlotte spent Sunday in the village.

Mr. O. L. Hemby of Indian Trail spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Eloise Rudisell of Iron Station is spending some time with Miss Ethel Price.

Masters Henry Belk and Oliver Matthews, who have been visiting relatives at Gastonia and in Charlotte, have returned home.

Mr. Frank Richardson of Concord is spending his vacation with home folks.

Miss Hallie Hemby spent part of last week with Miss Emma Morris at Hemby Cross Roads.

Misses Lucille Petters and Edna Lay of Charlotte spent part of last week with their aunt, Mrs. S. D. Belk.

School opened Monday with bright prospects. Prof. O. H. Orr is principal; Misses Carrie Rae of Asheville and Martha Loftin of Mt. Olive have charge of the intermediate and primary departments. Miss Letha Hamilton of Marshville will have charge of the music department.

There will be a Sunday school picnic at Weddington Academy Saturday, August 12. Mr. W. O. Lemon of Monroe and Rev. M. Kingsmond of Providence will be the principal speakers. Prof. Orr will give a history of Weddington Sunday school. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Misses Myrtle and Pearl Hill visited in Charlotte last week.

Mr. Burwell Broome of Waxhaw has opened a blacksmith shop in our village.

A good many people from here attended the picnic at Price's Mill last Saturday.

MRS. LANEY NOT REELECTED

LADY SANITARY OFFICERS JOB DISCONTINUED ON GROUND OF ECONOMY

Aldermen Said Her Work Had Been Done Well and There Was No Personal Complaint—Other Matters Before City Aldermen Last Night.

Mrs. Henry R. Laney was relieved of her duties as Sanitary Inspector last night at the monthly meeting of the city aldermen. The action did not occasion much surprise, as it had been in the air for some time that she would be discharged. Alderman J. B. Simpson championed her cause, stating "that more real sanitary work had been done by Mrs. Laney than ever done at any time in the history of the city." But when the matter came to a vote, Mr. Simpson was the only one who voted for her reelection. Sikes and Williams voted against her reelection, and Fairley did not vote. Henderson was not present.

Mr. Williams, in opposing the reelection of Mrs. Laney, said: "Mrs. Laney is probably the best woman Sanitary Inspector that we could get, but I am opposed to a woman filling the shoes of a man. She has reached the point in her work where she can do little but advise and point out sanitary violations, while her assistant, Mr. Paul Griffith, has to do the hard part of the work."

Mr. Sikes voted against Mrs. Laney's reelection on the grounds of economy. "If the city," said Mr. Sikes, "was able to pay \$100 a month for sanitation, I would not interpose any objections to Mrs. Laney's reappointment, but every one knows the financial shape of the city can not really stand such an expense."

Mrs. Laney has held her job down for two months, and the aldermen expressed their approval of the good work she had done. She had been instrumental in getting many homes and business houses to install sewerage, and she has had several unsanitary drains stopped up. She is well-worth the money, said one of the board, but the city really hasn't got the money to spare.

Mr. Paul Griffith, who has had charge of the street gang for the past thirty days, was promoted to Sanitary Inspector immediately after the discharge of Mrs. Laney. Alderman William spoke in highest terms of praise for Mr. Griffith's work, and recommended that he be tried out as sanitary inspector. Mrs. Laney was drawing a salary of \$60 per month.

Other Matters.
Mr. J. T. Shute wants the city to extend the power line to the city limits on the Wolf Pond road in order that he can secure power for the operation of his new gin, which is now in the process of construction.

Mr. Curtis Lee, Superintendent of Water & Light Department, was called in, and asked about the matter. He stated that the line would have to be connected at the Methodist church corner, and thence to the city line. Mr. Shute had declared that he would pay for the installation of the line from the city limits to his plant. Mr. Lee also said that the line would cost the city \$400, or perhaps more.

Mr. Shute stated that he would guarantee the city an annual rental of \$250 for power, and if he consumed more than this he would pay in proportion. His guarantee would last for five years. The aldermen decided to install the line for Mr. Shute, and Messrs. G. S. Lee, Jr., City Clerk, and C. W. Lee, together with the City Attorneys, were authorized to confer with Mr. Shute and draw up a contract.

"Frog Pond" Knocked.
Mr. C. B. Adams made complaint of a vacant lot next door to his home on Houston street, the property of Mr. S. B. Bundy, claiming that it was very unsanitary and a breeding place for mosquitoes. He said that the lot was covered with water in spots, and was never dry. He further stated that he had offered to buy the lot, but the owner would not sell it. The Aldermen promised Mr. Adams immediate relief, and Mr. J. B. Simpson, Chairman of the Sanitation Committee, was requested to confer with Mr. Bundy as soon as possible and order the condition of the place changed.

Wants Sewer Line.
Mr. S. O. Blair wants a sewer line erected on Griffith street, to connect with the main line at the intersection of Stewart and Windsor streets. No definite action was taken, but Messrs. Williams and C. W. Lee were requested to investigate the matter and confer with Mr. Blair.

Mr. Raymond Shute asked that he be allowed to connect several buildings on one sewer line, and it was granted.

Superintendent Lee notified the Aldermen that he had condemned the plumbing at the county jail. The Aldermen upheld his action, and requested the clerk to notify the county officials at once.

Chas. E. Hughes Starts on Campaign Tour of West.
New York Dispatch, Aug. 5th.

"I am entering upon the trip with the greatest zest," was the assertion made tonight by Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President, just before he started upon the campaign journey which will take him across the continent.

The nominee, accompanied by Mrs. Hughes, newspaper men, secretaries and clerks, left at 9.35 o'clock for Niagara Falls where they will spend Sunday. Mr. Hughes will leave Monday morning for Detroit where he will address two meetings in the evening. San Diego, Cal., was added to his itinerary today. He expects to speak there the afternoon of August 21.

WILL PAYE EAST WINDSOR

ALDERMEN ORDERED THE WORK LAST NIGHT

Engineer Will Be Secured to Supervise the Work, Which Will Cost About \$20,000—Will Be But a Start—Long Sidewalk Proposed.

A petition for sheet asphalt paving was presented from Windsor street last night, and it was accepted. This means that work will be commenced as soon as possible, and the residents of Windsor street may have the pleasure of enjoying paved streets before the year is out. Aldermen Williams and Henderson are to compose a committee to supervise the work in this stage. They are to make contracts and consult with the engineer. They will devote as much of their time as needed, and the city will pay them for their trouble.

The petition, which was printed in The Journal some days ago, was found to be inadequate. The signers of it were asking for pavement under the Act of 1915, which provides that the city will pay one third and the property owners one third. This was a mistake, as the city has agreed to pay only one-fifth.

The new petition, which was presented last night, is as follows:

"To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Monroe:—We, the undersigned, constituting and in abutting linear feet on the streets hereinafter named, owning property in the City of Monroe, abutting on East Windsor Avenue and McCauley Avenue, do hereby petition pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 56 of the public laws of North Carolina, session of 1915,

"That you improve or have improved the road-way on East Windsor Avenue from its intersection to this work, and I propose that we Avenue, and Macauley Avenue from that point East to its intersection with Charles Street just east of the property owned by W. S. Blakeney by paving same with sheet asphalt upon a concrete foundation; and that cement walks not less than five feet in width be laid on the sidewalks along said streets wherever needed, and cement curbs and gutters be properly placed along the sections of said streets or avenues so improved wherever needed, all in accordance with the plans to be made and approved by you.

"We further respectfully petition that the cost of said improvement be borne as follows:—The City of Monroe to pay for paving all street intersections and one fifth of the cost of all work in front of private property abutting on said streets, and the remainder of the cost of said street improvement to be borne by the owners of abutting property in proportion to number of abutting linear feet.

"We petition that the City of Monroe pay for all the improvement so made, and the proportion to be borne by the property owners as set out in the preceding paragraph be taxed against the abutting property as provided in the Act above referred to; further, that the amount so taxed against the property owners be divided into ten equal annual payments, one payment to be collected each year for a period of ten years, deferred payments to bear interest at six per cent, and to be a lien against the property of the abutting owners as prescribed by said act. We further ask that the City of Monroe raise the money to pay for said street improvement by issuing street improvement and special assessment bonds, all in accordance with Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915.

"Names of Petitioners.—A. M. Stack, J. E. Stack, T. W. Huey, M. C. Long, W. S. Blakeney, R. G. Laney and J. S. Lee, Jr., J. B. Williams, T. P. Dillon, G. S. Lee, J. F. Laney, E. W. Crow, C. C. Sikes, H. E. Neal, Presbyterian church and Methodist church."

Just before the petition was read, Mr. Baxter Williams read a letter he had received from Mr. A. C. Reese, of Greensboro, who formerly lived here and who owns a house and lot on Windsor street. It reads: "Mrs. Reese and myself have been reading in The Monroe Journal about the improvements you are planning for Windsor street. We heartily approve of the plans that you are making. It is something that has been needed. You can put me down for my part of the improvements."

With the addition of Mr. Reese's frontage, the petition presented a big majority of both property owners and linear feet owners. Mr. Curtis Lee was present, and he estimated the frontage. He assured the Aldermen that the petition contained a majority of the linear feet owners, and the petition was then accepted without further delay.

When the question of proceeding with the pavement was taken up, Alderman Sikes arose and said: "Gentlemen, we are undertaking a big work. The Windsor street work calls for an expenditure of nearly \$20,000, but before the thing is over, we may have to expend \$200,000 in paving other streets. Now as Chairman of the Street Improvement committee, I do not feel that I have the time to spare to give the work the proper attention. Somebody must give a great deal of their time to this work, and I propose that we select a committee of two from this board to look after the selection of an engineer, make contracts, and supervise the work in general. Of course, they will not have full authority, but they can investigate and report to us, and I for one intend to be guided to a reasonable extent by their recommendations."

The proposition of Mr. Sikes appealed to the Aldermen, and they

took it up immediately. Messrs. Williams and Henderson, as has already been stated, were selected to do this work. Their duties commenced today, and the first thing they must do is to select an engineer.

Other Street Work.
Alderman Sikes recommended that the cement that was purchased some time ago by the Aldermen, with a view to paving Main street, be used in laying down a walk from the house square down Franklin street, to Mr. Charlie Iceman's residence, and thence to the town limits at the railroad, provided that the Monroe township road supervisors see fit to continue the walk to the Icecorner Mill limits. It is believed that Mr. Iceman would be glad to extend the Icecorner walk to the town limit, thus ensuring a good walk all the way from the mill to Monroe.

This recommendation was acted upon, and Mr. Sikes was requested to confer with Mr. Iceman, while others are to see the Road Supervisors.

BANDITS ROB PAY CAR OF LARGE SUM.
Hold Up Paymaster Burroughs Adding Machine Company for Over \$30,000—Use an Automobile.

Detroit (Mich.) Dispatch, Aug. 4.

Five unmasked automobile bandits early this afternoon held up an automobile in which \$50,000 pay roll money was being taken to the plant of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company and before astonished guards could offer resistance snatched five bags of six in the car said to have contained \$33,000 or \$40,000 and escaped.

The hold-up occurred on Burroughs avenue, between Woodward and Mass avenues in view of hundreds of employees of nearby automobile factories and the usual afternoon throng on Woodward avenue.

Rudolph Cooper, a Burroughs guard, was shot through the thigh struck on the head with the butt end of a pistol when he tried to intercept the robbers.

Witnesses declared that the five bandits apparently ranged in age from 18 to 60 years. No one, however, seemed able to give a good description. They were armed with rifles and automatic pistols.

Witnesses of the daring robbery declared the apparent failure of the pay car guards to realize what was occurring aided the bandits' success. One guard said he thought a motion picture scenario was being staged.

Although policemen on motor cycles and in automobiles were quickly sent in pursuit of the bandits, they had not been rounded up tonight. Eleven machines filled with officers were scouring the country in every direction tonight after a fruitless chase of thirty-six miles. Early this evening the bandits were thought to have been cornered about thirty miles northwest of the city, but when officers closed in the bandits' car was not to be found.

A Year's School Progress in Union.
The Raleigh News and Observer each year publishes an educational number, giving information about school progress all over the State. In the issue this year Supt. R. N. Nisbet has the following letter:

Our schools, the past year, in the matter of attendance and enrollment exceeded that of the year before and possibly of any preceding year. Four new houses and additional rooms have been built; also a dormitory for boys at Wesley Chapel, thus making it possible for students attending this school to get board at low cost.

We placed in our schools about 400 or 500 part desks during the year just closed, and several hundred feet of blackboard.

We have added the past year six \$20 libraries and one supplemental library, making a total of 47 rural libraries, with about four thousand volumes.

One special tax election was held for increasing the tax. This election carried for the increase with only one dissenting vote. We have all told sixty-six special tax districts, and including the city of Monroe we have sixty-seven, from which an annual tax of about fifteen thousand dollars is collected.

We have about twenty Women's Betterment Clubs, which have paid about \$500 the past year for general betterment. This money has been spent for blackboards, maps, etc. Some of this money was used in painting school houses, and helping to purchase desks.

We had a county commencement April 8th and one hundred and six boys and girls received certificates of having finished the seventh grade. Splendid exhibits of the general school work was made at the county commencement, and there was also on exhibition a fine industrial exhibit.

The county commencement of the colored schools was good, and showed real interest. The hand-work and industrial exhibit was good.

Summing up, I think we can say without boasting, that we have had a successful school year, and we are looking with hope to the future.

South Carolinians Off For the Border
Three troop trains bearing the First Regiment of the South Carolina National Guard are rolling south today toward the Mexican border.

After traveling for three days and four nights the nearly 1200 men will be landed at El Paso, where they will form a part of the border defense.

Men and officers of the Second Regiment yesterday began to prepare for movement early Wednesday morning. El Paso will also be the destination of this unit.

INTERVIEW WITH JOFFRE

COMMANDS OF FRENCHMAN EFFECT MORE MEN THAN EVER KNOWN.

The Big Silent Military Genius of the War Gives American Correspondent His Views of the Situation—Doesn't Know How Long the War Will Last But Knows that the Question is Settled.

General Joffre, generalissimo of the French army and the guiding spirit of the united army of the Entente Allies, on Saturday received the Associated Press correspondent, expressed the view that the turning point of the great conflict had now been successfully reached and passed and that, with the united action of the Entente Allies on the many fronts, they were pressing forward to the certain collapse of the German efforts and to an assured victory of the allied armies.

It was exception opportunity to see and talk with the military commander, who is the senior commander in the united action by which the Allies are conducting simultaneous campaigns in the Russian, Italian, French and Balkan theatres. This recent coordination of the commands on the many fronts has permitted General Joffre to give full scope to his military talent which probably has been exercised over more men of the Allied nations than ever has fallen to one military commander.

General Joffre was in his private office at headquarters when the party of American correspondents arrived, the visit having been arranged for the anniversary of the opening of warfare.

"I want to express my satisfaction in meeting you, gentleman, and through you to express our feelings toward the American people," said General Joffre speaking in an easy conversational tone. "A feeling of deep friendship has always existed between France and America and it is particularly opportune now, after France has been fighting two years for the ideals dear to both countries, that this old friendship should be renewed and strengthened."

Turning to the actual condition of the campaign, General Joffre continued: "Although the fighting is getting more and more bitter, every one recognizes in the complete unity of the Allies that destiny has shaped its course and everyone can clearly see what the final outcome is going to be. The unity on all fronts is a great characteristic of the campaign now going on and the effect is now apparent of the constant pressure on all sides by the Allies who now have had time to form their plans, thanks to the sacrifices which the French nation has made at Verdun. We must also pay full homage to the splendid part our Allies are taking in the increasing efforts along the Somme and on all other fronts. The Russian effort has now succeeded in organizing and putting forward larger and larger forces of men, drawn from their apparently inexhaustible sources of human material and at the same time fully arming these masses. The splendid results of their efforts are shown in what they have accomplished in Galicia and along the entire eastern front.

"Once more the chance has fallen to England to show the vast extent of her resources both in men and material and the extent of her efforts is shown in what has been accomplished on the Somme front. The Italians have had a much harder task and a more limited sphere of action and you know how admirably they have fulfilled their part of this common action. As for the reorganized Serbian army, it is only just beginning to take its full part in the war."

General Joffre now turned his attention to the German side of the campaign, taking up the evidences of weakness which have shown in the quality of their attacks and in the number of reserves they are able to move to various fronts.

"If, on the other side, we consider the condition of our enemy," General Joffre continued, "we know for certain that although they are fighting as desperately as ever, they are drawing on their last reserves. Their game has been, up until now, to transfer their reserves from one point to another and from one point to another, but with the united action of the Allies on all fronts our enemy finds such a course impossible now and will find it increasingly so in the future. It is not for me to say how long the struggle is going to last, but that really matters little.

"We know the crash is coming and you feel as well as we do that we have already reached and passed the turning point. The five months resistance of our troops at Verdun has shattered the hopes of the Germans and has turned the scale. But still, do not imagine that that there is complete weakening of the German effort on the western front. We know there are still opposed to all our armies on the western front, two-thirds of the best fighting forces that Germany can put in the field—that is 122 divisions of their best troops against the French and British line on the west and 50 German divisions operating with the Austrian forces along the Russian front."

Private Bacon of the Henderson company of the State guard in camp at Morehead City shot himself through the head with a rifle Sunday night. It was a case of suicide. Private Doehard of Goldsboro died from a sudden attack of illness Sunday morning. These are the only two deaths that have occurred at the camp.